Development of Satellite Cities and Towns in Tamil Nadu

*72. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any request from the Government of Tamil Nadu for an increase in funds for its various urban development schemes; and

(b) whether government Proose to provide funds to the government of Tamil Nadu for development of satellite cities and towns to meet the problem of over-population in its citiees?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) and (b) No scheme specific to Tamil Nadu is under condideration in this Ministry. Funds are, howerve available under the Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT), Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) and Urban Basic Services schemes for the development of towns in Tamil Nadu, as in other States and Union Territories.

Licencing for New Sugar Units

*73. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state the number of applications pending for grant of licences for new sugar units in cooperative sector, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : No application for grant of licence for setting up of a new sugar factory in the cooperative sector is pending. in the Department of Food, at present.

Closing of Non-viable Public Sector Fertilizer Units

*74. SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted the recommendation of the Committee of Secretaries to close down some of the non-viable public sector fertilizer units which are incurring losses ;

(b) whether Government have assessed the number of workers who are likely to be rendered unemployed due to the closure of these units ;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to provide employment to those workers; and

(d) whether Government also propose to build up new fertilizer units in place of the losing units ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra

*75. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken with regard to various major and medium irrigation projects in Maharashtra ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Irrigation projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments. However,

major and medium irrigation projects require clearance at the Central level for their techno-economic feasibility. At present 21 major and 40 medium new irrigation projects received from the Government of Maharashtra are at various stages of examination.

फसलों की आयोजना

*76. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में फसलों की आयोजना करने का चलन अभी नहीं हुआ है, जिसके कारण किसान यह जानने की स्थिति में नहीं है कि किस फसल की मांग अधिक है और कौन फसल उसके लिए अधिक लाभप्रद है ।

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि कई विद्वानों ने कृषि मैनेजमेंट का अध्ययन आरम्भ किये जाने की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया है, यदि हां, तो इसका कार्यान्वयन अब तक न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या कारण है कि भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद् इस दिशा में कोई पहल करने की स्थिति में नहीं है ?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री जी० एस० ढिल्लो) : (क) से (ग) जी नहीं । पहली पंचवर्षीय योजना से ही देश में कृषि उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने के लिये फार्म आयोजना (फसल आयोजना सहित और प्रबंध) को एक साधन के रूप में स्वीकार किया गया है । फार्म आयोजना और प्रबंध योजनाएं विभिन्न राज्यों में शुरू की गई थीं, और विभिन्न फसलों और फसल संयोजन की तुलनात्मक लाभप्रदता की जांच करने के लिए, विभिन्न सभयों पर, फार्म प्रबन्ध अध्ययन किये गये । इन योजनाओं से विस्तार एजेंसियों को किसानों को उपयुक्त फसल तथा फसल संयोजन का चयन करने के बारे में सलाह देने में मदद मिली है । ये अध्ययन 1954-55 में शुरू किये गये थे और विभिन्न विश्वविद्यालयों/राज्यों में स्थित कृषि-आर्थिक अनुसंधान केन्द्रों और कृषि विश्वविद्यालयों तथा भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान संस्थानों के माध्यम से चलाये जा रहे हैं ।

Damage due to Heavy Storm in Delhi

*77. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a heavy storm in Delhi on the 15th October, 1986;

(b) whether a number of persons were killed and injured as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the loss of life and damage to property ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON) : (a) On the evening of the 15th October, 1986, a thunderstorm with rain and surface wind speed of 17 kilometer per hour followed by a gust of 42 to 52 kilometer per hour was recorded by the meteorological offices at Delhi.

(b) and (c) Delhi Administration have reported that two persons lost their lives and four persons sustained fracture injuries due to the collapse of the tent of a circus company.

Increase in procurement price of Paddy

*78. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had